

Claims:

1. A bed-tent for providing an enclosure over a bed, comprising:
a canopy having an open base,
said canopy comprising spaced apart at least first and second panels and a flexible cover extending between said panels,
each said panel comprising at least one hoop of flexible, resilient, strip material and a sheet of flexible fabric in the space within and marginally secured to said hoop generally at the perimeter thereof,
said sheets being maintained taut by, and resisting collapse of, the hoops to which said sheets are secured,
retainers for releasably securing said canopy to the bed, and
an entry to said canopy,
at least one of said hoops being capable of being twisted or wound into a relatively flat coil of reduced diameter for storage.
2. The bed-tent of claim 1, further including a mattress for the bed, the mattress having a top surface, a peripheral edge, and four corners, the open base of the canopy being substantially coextensive with the peripheral edge of the mattress, and the retainers releasably engaging the mattress.
3. The bed-tent of claim 1, further including a supporting frame releasably connected to said canopy for holding said panels spaced apart and generally erect.

4. The bed-tent of claim 3, further including receiving means on said canopy for removably receiving end portions of said frame.

5. The bed-tent of claim 2, wherein said retainers comprise flexible straps respectively engaging the corners of the mattress.

6. The bed-tent of claim 2, further including support means to maintain said canopy on said top surface of said mattress.

7. A bed-tent for providing an enclosure over a bed mattress, comprising:
a canopy having an open base,
said canopy comprising spaced apart at least a first panel and a second panel and a flexible cover extending between said panels,
a flexible supporting frame disposed externally of said canopy for holding said panels spaced apart and generally erect,
connectors to releasably attach said canopy to said frame,
receiving means on said canopy for removably receiving end portions of said frame,
retainers for releasably securing said canopy to the bed mattress, and
an entry to said canopy.

8. The bed-tent of claim 7, wherein said frame comprises a plurality of elongated, tubular segments removably connected end-to-end in a linear series.

9. The bed-tent of claim 8, wherein tubular segments are held together by elastic cording under tension extending lengthwise through said segments.

10. The bed-tent of claim 7, said frame having a first flexible stanchion releasably connected to said first panel,

said frame having a second flexible stanchion releasably connected to said second panel,

said frame having a frame member disposed above said canopy and extending between and holding generally upright said first and second stanchions.

11. The bed-tent of claim 10, wherein said stanchions and said frame member each comprise a plurality of elongated tubular segments removably connected end-to-end in a linear series.

12. The bed-tent of claim 11, wherein tubular segments are held together by elastic cording under tension extending lengthwise through said segments.

13. The bed-tent of claim 7, wherein said retainers comprise flexible straps respectively engaging the corners of the mattress.

14. The bed-tent of claim 7, further including support means to maintain said canopy on the top surface of said mattress.

15. The bed-tent of claim 7, wherein at least one of said panels includes at least one hoop of flexible, resilient material encircling and secured to a fabric sheet at most points thereof, said hoop supporting said sheet and said sheet resisting collapse of said hoop.

16. The bed-tent of claim 15, wherein said hoop is capable of being twisted or wound into a flat coil of reduced diameter for storage.

17. The bed-tent of claim 15, wherein said frame comprises a plurality of elongated, tubular segments removably connected end-to-end in a linear series.

18. The bed-tent of claim 17, wherein tubular segments are held together by elastic cording under tension extending lengthwise through said segments.

19. The bed-tent of claim 17, further including a mattress for the bed, the mattress having a top surface, a peripheral edge, and four corners, the open base of the canopy being generally coextensive with the peripheral edge of the mattress, and the retainers releasably engaging the mattress.

20. The bed-tent of claim 19, wherein said hoop is a continuous annulus.

21. The bed-tent of claim 19, wherein said hoop is continuous except for a transverse open split.

22. In combination, a bed-tent for a bed,
a bed mattress having a top surface, a peripheral edge, and four corners,
a canopy having an open base at least partially coextensive with the peripheral edge of the mattress,
said canopy including at least one panel having at least one hoop of flexible, resilient strip material and a sheet of flexible fabric in the space within and marginally secured to the hoop generally at the perimeter thereof,
said hoop being capable of being twisted or wound into a relatively flat coil of reduced diameter for storage,
retainers for releasably securing the canopy to the mattress, and
an entry to said canopy.

23. The combination of claim 22, wherein said retainers include flexible straps respectively engaging the four corners of the mattress.

24. The combination of claim 23, further including support means to maintain said canopy on said top surface of said mattress.

25. The combination of claim 23, further including at least a second panel having a second hoop of flexible resilient material and a second sheet of flexible fabric in the space within and marginally secured to said second hoop generally at the perimeter thereof.

26. The combination of claim 25, wherein said one hoop and said second hoop are portions of one continuous flexible strip.

27. The combination of claim 25, wherein said one hoop is adapted to be secured to said second hoop along a limited periphery thereof.

28. The combination of claim 25, wherein said panels define a cover section of said canopy at least a portion of which is upwardly inclined from the base of the canopy.

29. The combination of claim 25, wherein said panels define a cover section of said canopy at least a portion of which is downwardly inclined towards the base of the canopy.

30. The combination of claim 24, wherein said canopy includes a second hoop of flexible, resilient strip material defining the base of the canopy.

31. The combination of claim 30, wherein said one hoop and said second hoop are portions of one continuous flexible strip.

32. The combination of claim 25, further including a supporting frame releasably connected to said canopy for holding said panels spaced apart and generally erect.

33. The combination of claim 32, further including receiving means on said canopy for removably receiving end portions of said frame.

34. The combination of claim 22, further including at least a second collapsible panel having at least one hoop of flexible, resilient material and an additional sheet of flexible fabric in the space within and marginally secured to the hoop of the second panel, and a roof portion interconnecting said panels, said panels and said roof portion together providing an enclosed interior space.